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PROPOSED ACTIONS

**Land Exchange Between the
Matanuska Susitna Borough and State of Alaska
ADL 231234 and MSB 006645
Amendment to the Hatcher Pass Management Plan and
Land Reclassification (LCO SC-09-003A01)**

The public is invited to comment on the Preliminary Decision to exchange land ownership with the borough, Proposed Amendment to the Hatcher Pass Management Plan and Land Classification Order to reclassify land located west of Government Creek in the area of Government Peak from Public Recreation to Public Recreation/ Wildlife Habitat. These documents are available online at: <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/planning>.

The land exchange involves land that is located west of the Government Creek within the Government Peak Management Unit of the 2010 Hatcher Pass Management Plan. The land exchange includes approximately 443 acres of borough owned land and 720 acres of state owned land. The borough and state land are of approximate equal value. All state land proposed in this exchange is currently leased by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (ADL 225965).

This land exchange will involve an amendment to the Hatcher Pass Management Plan and a reclassification of land offered in this exchange from Public Recreation to Public Recreation/Wildlife Habitat. Reclassification will only affect land involved in the proposed land exchange. Boundary adjustments to the Government Peak and Bald Mountain/ Hillside Management Units will be required and are depicted on the attached map.

Submit comments in writing to the: Division of Mining, Land and Water, Resource Assessment and Development Section, 550 W 7th Ave, Anchorage AK 99501, Fax (907)269-8915, or via email to: Philana.Miles@alaska.gov OR Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Community Development Department, 350 E. Dahlia Ave., Palmer, AK 99645, Fax (907) 745 -9635 or via email to: LMB@matsugov.us

Comments must be received **in writing, post marked or emailed by midnight on February 10, 2012** to ensure consideration. Following the comment deadline, all written responses will be considered and the decision may be modified to incorporate public comments. **Only persons who submit comments in writing during this public comment period will be eligible to file an administrative appeal of the Final Finding and Decision.** A copy of the final decision will be sent to any person who comments in writing on the preliminary decision, proposed plan amendment and/or the Land Classification Order. The final decision will include appeal instructions. In addition, the exchange must be approved by the Borough Assembly and Department of Natural Resources before it can be implemented.

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